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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON POMPEO NARCOTICS CASE

REF: BUDAPEST 3400 AND PREVIOUS

1. DCM CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT V (LASZLO NAGY) OCT 27 TO REQUEST FORMALLY FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANCE IN SREURING INFORMATION REGARDING NARCOTIC ASPECTS OF POMPEO CONSULAR CASE. DCM BEGAN BY REFERRING TO THE WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE PREPARED BY DOMESTIC COUNCIL DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE. CITING PARTICULARLY MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN WHITE PAPER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS, IS A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO U.S. GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AND TO PRESIDENT IN PARTICULAR. FOREIGN OFFICE SHOULD UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM AS PART OF BACKGROUND TO EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN POMPEO CASE HERE IN HUNGARY.

2. DCM THEN REVIEWED HISTORY OF POMPEO CASE GOING BACK TO GOH'S FAILURE TO NOTIFY EMBASSY OF POMPEO'S ARREST
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WITHIN 72 HOURS AS SPECIFIED IN CONSULAR CONVENTION AND

INCLUDING EMBASSY'S APPROACHES TO FOREIGN OFFICE ON OCT 7, 15 AND 17. ON EACH OCCASION EMBASSY HAD PRESSED FOR EARLY RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: A) WHAT TYPE OF NARCOTICS WERE DISCOVERED IN POMPEO POSSESSION; B) NAME OF COUNTRY FROM WHICH POMPEO ENTERED HUNGARY AND HIS PLANS FOR TRAVEL AFTER LEAVING HUNGARY; C) NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF NON-HUNGARIAN CITIZENS ACCOMPANYING POMPEO WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED; AND D) ANY OTHER INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF THIS CASE WHICH MIGHT ASSIST U.S. GOVERNMENT TO DISRUPT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

3. DCM MADE IT CLEAR THAT RAISING POMPEO CASE AT FONOFF POLITICAL LEVEL WAS INDICATION OF SERIOUSNESS AND URGENCY WHICH EMBASSY ATTACHES TO ITS REQUEST FOR PARTICULARS IN POMPEO CASE. HE ADDED THAT IN MATTERS AFFECTING HUMAN HEALTH AND WELFARE EMBASSY DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS ASKING TOO MUCH IN SOLICITING HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT COOPERATION IN COMBATTING ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR PARTICULARS IN POMPEO CASE WAS TIME-SENSITIVE; LONGER IT TOOK TO ACQUIRE PARTICULARS IN CASE MORE DIFFICULT IT BECAME FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO PURSUE MATTER EFFECTIVELY.

4. NAGY SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION CONVEYED. HE WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED. HE COMMENTED THAT SOMETIMES POLICE INVESTIGATIONS ON A CASE TOOK LONGER THAN EVEN THEIR OWN ESTIMATES -- WHICH HE ASSUMED IS THE PROBLEM IN POMPEO CASE. HE WOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY WHEN INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. SAME DAY AT AUSTRIAN RECEPTION AMBASSADOR REVIEWED POMPEO CASE INFORMALLY WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY WHO ALSO PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

5. DURING CALL OCT 29 BY CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF ON DEPUTY CHIEF MFA CONSULAR DIVISION (KUN) LATTER RAISED MATTER "UNDER INSTRUCTIONS." KUN SAID CONSULAR DIVISION WAS AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAD RAISED POMPEO MATTER AT POLITICAL LEVEL. HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT GOH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST INTERESTED IN PROVIDING DETAILED AND HELPFUL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WHICH EMBASSY HAD PRESENTED AND WHICH HAD NECESSITATED A "DIFFICULT" AND TIME-CONSUMING INVESTIGATION. MFA HAD REPEATEDLY PRESSED MATTER WITH "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES." HE WISHED TO ASSURE CONSULAR OFFICER THAT RESPONSIVE REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN. HE AGAIN STRESSED THAT GOH WISHED TO COOPERATE BUT NEEDED TIME. 6. CONSULAR OFFICER REPLIED THAT POMPEO CASE PROVI

DED

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOH TO COOPERATE WITH US IN
STRICTLY NON-POLITICAL AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL FIELD OF
NARCOTICS CONTROL. HE SAID HE WOULD RELAY DR. KUN'S
ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR WITH PLEASURE AND THAT USG
WOULD BE ATTENTIVELY OBSERVING DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE.

7. IF EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED SATISFACTORY RESPONSE
BY LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK IT WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH A
DIPLOMATIC NOTE. EMBASSY IS DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH ITS
RIGHT TO TIMELY AND COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM GOH ON
DRUG MATTERS AFFECTING U.S. CITIZENS.
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